

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed August 21, 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 1-14, 16-32 and 34-50. Applicant filed a response to the Office Action on November 21, 2007. Subsequently, in the present Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on February 6, 2008, the Examiner indicated that the previously filed response was unacceptable because of certain informalities. Specifically, the Examiner stated that “[A]pplicant has used an improper identifier to identify the status of claim 51.” Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, page 2.

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Applicant hereby re-submits the “In the Claims” section of the original response, which was timely filed on November 21, 2007. The present re-submission includes the appropriate status identifier “(New)” with respect to claim 51. This is the only additional change to the claims, provided herein. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that the claim amendment section of the response is now fully compliant with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

Conclusion

In view of the corrected amendments and the remarks set forth above, as well as the remarks set forth in the Response filed on November 21, 2007, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the Examiner’s rejections and allowance of all pending claims. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

General Authorization for Extensions of Time and for Payment of Fee

Applicant does not believe that any fees are due; however, if any fees are due at this time or during the pendency of this application, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such requisite fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1315; Order No. MICS:0171-2/MAN. Furthermore, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby provides a general authorization to treat this and any future reply requiring an extension of time as incorporating a request therefor and

authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees associated therewith to the above-referenced
Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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